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FOR S/S -EX

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)  
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: SCHEDULING AND SCENARIO

REF: (A) STATE 173059, (B) 173565

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WITH MFA OFFICIALS AND HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITH THE GENERAL GUIDELINES CONTAINED IN REFTTEL (A). THE MINISTRY HAS INFORMED US IN RESPONSE THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN HAVE NOT YET DISCUSSED THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND HAVE, THEREFORE, NOT YET DECIDED THE GENERAL SEQUENCE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES. WE WER INFORMALLY PROMISED A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WE HAVE SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED TO THE ISRAELIS THAT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE NOT INCLUDE A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT KATZIR NOR ANOTHER VISIT TO THE YAD VASHEM HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE SCHEDULE CONTAIN SOME FREE TIME AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT POINTS.

3. THERE WILL, OF COURSE, BE GREAT PRESS INTEREST,  
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PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HIS HAVING EARLIER VISITED THE ARAB CAPITALS. WE WOULD SUGGEST A SHORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT TO BE GIVEN AT PLANE SIDE BEFORE DEPARTING FOR JERUSALEM AND A SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE TERMINAL PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS POINT.

4. WE HAVE INFORMED THE ISRAELIS THAT THE PARTICIPATION FROM OUR SIDE IN THE OFFICIAL MEETINGS WOULD BE LIMITED TO FIVE AND HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THEY DO THE SAME.

5. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT MRS. VANCE'S PROGRAM INCLUDE VISITS TO YAD VASHEM, THE KNESSET, HADASSAH HOSPITAL AND ISRAELI MUSEUM. WE HAVE TOLD THE ISRAELIS THAT WE FEEL IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR HER TO VISIT THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS NEAR THE TEMPLE MOUNT, EXPLAINING THAT THE SENSITIVITY ON THIS ISSUE IN UNESCO WOULD BE EXACERBATED BY PHOTO COVERAGE OF HER AT THE SITE. WE SUGGESTED THAT HER PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDE AS MUCH FREE TIME AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD THEN USE THOSE FREE PERIODS FOR VISITS TO EAST JERUSALEM, BETHLEM AND PERHAPS JERICHO--UNDER OUR GUIDANCE RATHER THAN ISRAELI ARRANGEMENTS.

6. WE HAVE NOTED THE INSTRUCTION IN PARA FOUR REFTEL (A) TO DISCOURAGE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTERS. HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT SECRETARY VANCE PLAN TO MEET WITH DAYAN AND THAT THIS MEETING TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE VISIT.  
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WE KNOW THAT DAYAN IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY.  
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